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REVISION TO LIBRARY REFERENCE RULE

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I would like to file comments on the proposed Commission Rule from the perspective of an individual participant located at some distance from Washington DC and who has participated in various Commission cases over the past ten or so years.

The main concern is that I will not be forced to compromise my ability to participate in an economical and effective manner by being required to travel to Washington just to investigate a library reference. I have had the Postal Service respond to one of my interrogatories by creating a library reference and then referring to it in their response. Rule SS31(b)(2)(b) should be modified to require immediate service on any participant to whom a library reference is used in response to an interrogatory submitted by that participant. This would expedite consideration by the individual submitting the interrogatory rather than instituting a three or more day wait for what would be a certain request.

The wording in proposed Section SS31(b)(2)(b), which relates to providing a library reference upon request, should be clarified to show that it applies to all of the subparts (a) through (e) and not just subpart (b) in which it is contained. Perhaps it should be moved to the lead paragraph. Subpart (b), as written, relates to all library references regardless of whether or not another subpart also applies.

The second concern is that the Notice which is filed to indicate that the library reference has been filed should contain a much better explanation of the reference. Perhaps it should be on the order of a paragraph rather than just a few words as appears to be the current practice.

Respectfully submitted,



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